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Application of: Krantis et al.

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Response to Restriction Requirement
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.143 and PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2
and
Preliminary Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.115

Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to Office Action (Paper No. 7), mailed July 31, 2003, in the above-identified US national stage application, in which the Examiner asserted an objection for lack of unity of invention and requirement for Applicants' election of restriction group under 37 CFR 1.499.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.115, Applicants also herein preliminarily amend the claims to direct coverage in this application to particularly preferred embodiments of the invention. The fee for additional claims is also enclosed.

This paper is also filed with a Petition for a one-month extension in the time for response under 37 CFR 1.136(a), along with the appropriate fee according to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for a small entity.

To avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the "Listing of the Claims" beginning on page 2, below. Applicants' comments in "Remarks" follow the Listing of the Claims on page 7.

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